IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

in re Application of:	
Akihiro SUZUKI et al.	Group Art Unit: 2624
Application No.: 09/364,070	Examiner: K. Poon
Filed: July 30, 1999) Confirmation No.: 8907
For: JOB SCHEDULING SYSTEMS))

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed January 20, 2006, and pursuant to a Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, the period for response having been extended by a request for extension of one (1) month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith. Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper and begin on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.